## SWRCB Term 15 Milestone 4 Report

## <u>City of Ukiah</u> <u>Water Use and Conservation Efforts</u>

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## Milestone 4

2004	MG produced	2009	MG Produced	% Reduction from 2004
April	68.894	April	37.324	-45.82%
May	112.803	May	79.139	-29.84%
June	129.493	June	103.644	-19.96%
July	151.276	July	113.988	-24.65%
August	147.366	August	106.089	-28.01%
September	129.645	September	83.698	-35.44%
Total	739.477	Total	523.882	-29.16%

- The overall water production for the City Of Ukiah between the months of April and September has decreased by 29.16% since 2004.
- Water production numbers for April-September 2004 total 739.477 MG.
- Water production numbers for April-September 2009 total 523.882 MG.
- The City of Ukiah is currently maintaining its Stage 1 Emergency Status.
- We are recognizing and thanking our residents and businesses who have shown substantial conservation practices throughout the summer months. We are doing so by leaving door hangers with a thank you message and a "water saver pin".
- The water conservation mandates adopted by the City Council on June 17, 2009 and listed in the previous milestone reports are still active and being enforced. As of this date, there has been no need to install flow restrictors.
- We are currently running once weekly ads in our largest local newspaper thanking our residents for conserving and encouraging them to continue the efforts.
- The City of Ukiah's Water Conservation Program Coordinator has launched an educational water awareness program for grades ranging from 1-8 on the fundamentals of water conservation as well as the water cycle and groundwater pollution prevention. This program is beginning its second school year.
- The City of Ukiah's Mayor recorded a public service announcement urging residents to conserve water and tips on how to do so. This PSR will continue to air on all 3 of Ukiah's major radio stations until October 31, 2009.

- Free water conservation yard signs are available for residents to pick up at our office.
- The City of Ukiah's Water Conservation Program Coordinator maintains our Water Conservation Hotline. This hotline is available for residents to get information on current water issues, tips for conserving and to report water wasters.
- The water conservation coordinator is continuing to follow up on reports regarding water wasting. An educational visit made to the address the water wasting and if unable to talk with the person, a door hanger is left to inform the person of the wasting that has occurred, how to conserve water and also lists the new city mandates. The address is then logged into a data base. Repeat water wasters are tracked and water use is monitored closely.
- The City of Ukiah's Public Utility Department employees and the Water Conservation Coordinator are continuing to patrol neighborhoods for water wasting activities.
- The City of Ukiah's Water Conservation Program Coordinator is continuing to meet with all of the top water user accountholders and has informed them of the current water crisis and given many tips on how to conserve within their organization. These accounts are also monitored closely as the monthly water use numbers are obtained and discussed with the accountholders.
- All meter readers have been educated on the current water conservation recommendations from the City of Ukiah to its water users. They are equipped with brochures and yard conservation signs to distribute to residents expressing interest
- The City of Ukiah is continuously sending out press releases to inform the public of the current water status and to update residents on both voluntary and mandatory conservation practices suggested by the city
- The City has recently updated its website with more recent water conservation updates and suggestions.
- The City of Ukiah has provided literature, dye tablets, etc. the annual Watershed Festival in downtown Ukiah.
- We are currently in the process of implementing a conservation program for restaurants and hotels.
- The City is still recommending its customers use 2 units per person monthly or 50 gallons per person daily.

• In order to reduce Russian River water usage, the city is building 2 new groundwater wells. They are both expected to be running by the middle of October 2009.